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REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

THE PURSUIT OF THE GERMANS.

CONTINUATION OF ALLIED SUCCESSES.

CAPTURE OF FURTHER IMPORTANT POINTS.

London, September 4.
Bois des Vaux has been cleared of the enemy. We are firmly established at Menancourt and Ericourt. Between Meuvres and Inchy-en-Artois the line runs along the east bank of the Canal. Franco-Americans crossed the Vesle north-west of Frimere, where they gained a footing on Montagne di Perles and also across north of Bezobes. Numerous fires indicate a German withdrawal from the Vesle.

The German Withdrawal.

London, September 4.
Writing in the afternoon, Reuter's correspondent at French Headquarters says:—The Germans are falling back between the Somme and the Oise before the armies of General Debeney and General Humbert. This morning our advanced cavalry was little more than a mile from Guiscard. General Mangin's troops are also advancing and have worked up to the edge of the ravine adjacent to the important Laffaux Plateau. There are numerous signs that the Germans are preparing to withdraw from the Vesle sector, probably to the old fortified line crossing the Aisne from Juvincourt to Rheims. The fires behind the German front on the Vesle are reported to be increasing in number.

Guiscard Captured.

London, September 5.
Reuter's correspondent at French Headquarters says the French have captured Guiscard.

On the Heels of the Enemy.

London, September 5.
Reuter's Paris correspondent says Chauny, Jussy and La Fere are safe. The French are still close on the heels of the fleeing enemy.

New British Successes.

London, September 5.
Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:—Anglo-Welsh troops forced a passage of the Tortille River and the Canal du Nord on a wide front north of Moislains. During the early part of the day the enemy held the east bank of the river and canal and endeavored to arrest our advance at this line with artillery and machine-gun fire. Despite the natural strength of the enemy's positions, we advanced with great dash and courage and carried the villages of Menancourt and Ericourt. Overcoming obstacles on the canal and river, we substantially progressed on the rising ground eastwards. Further north, English and New Zealand troops took Raysalourt and reached the northern outskirts of Havrincourt Wood, east of the canal. Other English Divisions gained the west bank of the canal opposite Demicourt and Boursies, beating off counter-attacks.

English troops entered Meuvres from the north and fighting is still going on among the old Hindenburg Line defences. We have captured further prisoners and material, including two of three German tanks used in an unsuccessful counter-attack on August 31. We progressed at different points on the Lys front.

The Advance on Cambrai.

London, September 4.
Writing on Wednesday afternoon, Reuter's correspondent at British Headquarters says:—The British advance towards Cambrai has lulled into a series of patrol fights. The main line of our advance continues widely astride the Bapaume-Cambrai Road. The Canadians are on the Nord Canal along practically the whole front, while Britishers south of the Cambrai Road have also reached the canal at many places. Southwards of Meuvres, the situation is most liquid. There is considerable fighting in this region, chiefly between small bodies of infantry in rearward actions.

Prisoners have been taken from fresh divisions, at least two of which have been brought direct from the shortened Flanders front. There is considerable artillery from the direction of Cambrai, but the resistance is principally from machine-guns. We have taken prisoner many more dismounted cavalry there. They state that their Division is now practically wiped out. Among the latest prisoners are men on foot and from an artillery regiment, also from wiring groups. We captured a 10.5 inch gun at Proville. Naval men took three field batteries complete in Quent. The warmest praise is bestowed on the tanks, for the great part they played in the battle, also in routing out machine-gun nests and rounding up prisoners.

French Overcome Resistance.

London, September 5.
A French communique says:—After breaking the stubborn resistance of the enemy, our troops to-day compelled him to retreat north of the Oise and on the Vesle front. Between the Canal du Nord and the Oise, our advanced elements, following on the heels of the enemy rearguards, advanced beyond Libermont and reached the outskirts of Esmerghellon. We occupied Hospital Wood further east, crossed the Ailette and reached Marizelle, north-east of Manicamp. The enemy left numerous prisoners and guns and a vast quantity of material. The battle continues and the plateau north of Soissons are threatened. On the right flank the enemy returned north of the Vesle. We captured Buoy le Long and Moncel, north of the Aisne. Further to the right, we crossed the Vesle on a front of thirty kilometres and passed Chassemy, Brenelle, Vanberlin, Vauxere and Blancy and gained a footing on the crest north of Baelieux.

Americans Pursuing the Enemy.

London, September 5.
An American official message dated the 4th inst. states:—Yielding to the continued pressure of the Allied forces, the enemy is in retreat north of the Vesle. We are in close pursuit and have taken Bezobes, Perles, Fismette and Baelieux, capturing prisoners and machine-guns, and have reached the line of Vauxere, Blancy, Regnard and Hameau. Yesterday our aviators successfully bombed railroad yards at Longuyon, Dommery, Baroncourt and Conflans.

More German Camouflage.

London, September 5.
The German evening wireless message says:—The enemy felt his way forward to our new line between the Scarpe and the Somme.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

THE PURSUIT OF THE GERMANS.

Important British Captures.

London, September 4.
Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig announces the capture of Ploegstreet and also Hill 63, south-west of Messines. We have taken prisoner in four days 16,000 men and captured over a hundred guns.

The Work of Our Airmen.

London, September 5.
Reporting on aviation, Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig states:—Aeroplanes and balloons co-operated effectively in the advance on the 3rd inst. We dropped twenty-one tons in the day-time and twenty-one tons at night-time. We destroyed nineteen hostile machines and drove down seven uncontrollable. Ten British machines are missing.

DESTRUCTION OF U-BOATS.

Proof of the British Claims.

London, September 5.
The Admiralty announces that although it is not intended to adopt the practice of giving proof of the official utterances of His Majesty's Ministers, it is thought desirable to give the names of the Commanding Officers of 150 German submarines which have been disposed of, in order to substantiate to the world the statement by the Prime Minister in the House of Commons on August 7, cabled on the same date and denied in the German papers, that "at least 150 of these ocean pests have been destroyed." The statement does not include the officers commanding Austrian submarines, of which a number have been destroyed and does not exhaust the list of German submarines put out of action.

The records show that 116 from the 150 Commanders are dead, twenty-seven are prisoner, six are interned, while one succeeded in returning to Germany after his submarine was sunk. The dead include the Commanders who torpedoed the cross-channel steamer Sussex, the Arabic, the Lusitania and the Belgian Prince. It is recalled that the officer who sank the Belgian Prince barbarously drowned forty of the crew whom he ordered to line up on the submarine's deck. It is disclosed that this submarine was sunk with all hands a fortnight after the outrage. It is further revealed that the submarine which sank the Lusitania was lost on the Danish Coast eighteen months later, but the Commander survived to bring disaster to another submarine which was lost with all hands in September, 1917.

The Admiralty carefully files the names of officers guilty of particularly wanton and despicable outrages, and special endeavours will be made swiftly to terminate their active careers. Five names so noted include the Commander who, among other sinkings specified, torpedoed the Persia and also a Commander "who excels in sinking hospital ships," also the Commander who sank the Falaba and Aquila under circumstances of the utmost brutality.

BRITISH SHIPBUILDING.

The Latest Output Figures.

London, September 5.
The Admiralty announces that the tonnage of merchantmen completed in the United Kingdom during August was 124,675 tons, compared with 141,948 tons in July. The total for the twelve months to August 31 was 1,512,640 tons. Lord Pirrie comments on the reduction being partly attributable to influenza, while plans to increase skilled labour in the yards were frustrated by the events on the Western Front, but he is pleased to say that there is an early probability of a reduction in the present naval programme which will result in the transference of men to merchant work. He is of opinion that the output will improve materially towards the end of the year.

FURTHER BRITISH AIR RAIDS.

London, September 4.
The Air Ministry reports:—On the afternoon of the 3rd inst. we successfully attacked an aerodrome at Morhange, directly hitting several hangars and blowing up two machines on the ground. All our machines returned. During the night of the 3rd inst. we again heavily bombed the aerodrome at Morhange, hitting more hangars and starting fires, and also attacked an aerodrome at Boulay and blast furnaces at E-oh, directly hitting the furnaces and starting fires at Boulay. All our machines returned. On the morning of the 4th inst. we attacked the aerodrome at Morhange, hitting at least seven hangars. All the bombs burst well. We also attacked aerodromes at Bahl with good results. All our machines returned.

AMERICA'S CONTRIBUTION IN MEN.

Washington, September 4.
General March has announced the arrival of General Graves at Vladivostok to take command of the American forces. He says over 1,600,000 American troops had been sent across up to August 31.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

SPLENDID BRITISH AIR RAIDS.

London, Sept. 4.
The Admiralty states:—Between Aug. 26 and Sept. 1, aeroplanes working with the Navy carried out successful raids on Ostende and Zeebrugge, dropping thirteen tons of bombs with excellent results. Large fires were started and two direct hits were obtained on an anti-aircraft battery. There were many bursts on the docks. We destroyed two machines and drove down another uncontrollable. All the British machines returned. Our aeroplanes maintained constant reconnaissance of the Dardanelles and Bosphorus. On the nights of Aug. 25 and 27 with good results. Attacks were directed against the arsenal, docks and War Office, and barracks also. We in co-operation with Greek units heavily bombed the aerodrome at Gallipoli. The sea-plane base at Gallipoli Channel. One British machine has not returned.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

THE ALLIED ONSLAUGHT.

German Retirement Continues.

London, Sept. 2.
Reuter learns that the line in Flanders from Ypres to the sea has been pushed back to the east of Estaires and to Conture. The retirement is continuing. Considerable progress has been achieved on the whole 23 mile front from the Scarpe to the Somme. The Drocourt-Queant switch-line is definitely smashed in on a front of six miles. We penetrated from the western edge of Etain to the western edge of Cagnicourt, thence approaching Queant.

Enemy Panic-Stricken.

London, Sept. 3.
Reuter's correspondent, writing on Tuesday evening from the British Headquarters, says:—The long bitter battle which was expected to develop out of yesterday's attack against the famous switch-line, broke suddenly during the afternoon into a general enemy flight. From the time we carried the switch system at 7.30 until well after mid-day the resistance stiffened, then died down so suddenly that it was evident that the enemy was withdrawing as hastily as he could. At 10.30 this morning our airmen reported that no Germans could be seen west of Nord Canal-de-la-Somme, which runs nearly due south from Douai, save a few outposts at places along the bank. Our airmen are having a great time flying a little more than 300 feet. Wherever the enemy is met with he seems to be in a state of semi-panic. The number of machine-guns we have already collected is said to run into thousands. We captured the crews of some heavy howitzers, who had just blown up their guns. They complained that they had scarcely been able to fire at all owing to the want of shells. Comparatively few guns have fallen into our hands, since the enemy early in battle sent his batteries scampering to the rear.

Five Days of Fighting.

London, Sept. 3.
Reuter's correspondent at French Headquarters, writing in the afternoon says:—Tanks played an important part in yesterday's French attack, also the airmen. The enemy is naturally defending the plateau tooth and nail. The Prussian Guards delivered five futile counter-attacks leaving the ground littered with their dead. Five days of hard fighting between the Ailette and the Aisne have given good results. The first powerfully organised line across Ternynoy Plateau has been taken and the second line is already being attacked. The French are across the Ailette at several points. The battle has used up several of the enemy's best divisions, who do not match General Mangin's colonials.

Germans Short of Artillery Ammunition.

London, Sept. 3.
Reuter's correspondent at the British Headquarters, writing on Tuesday evening says:—So rapidly have our guns got across the entrenched zone that six inch high velocity guns since the early morning have been maintaining a continuous harassing fire on the Marquain crossing of the Cambrai Road, whence all the heavy German transport had to escape. By eleven the old Royal Naval Division had advanced nearly eight miles since yesterday morning and was still going. Northward of the Scarpe our troops have done little more than steadily throw forward the covering flank. Our infantry outran the support guns despite the fact that batteries galloped forward in a way reminiscent of the Long Valley manoeuvres. Enemy gunfire is desultory and is no where formidable. The enemy is evidently desperately short of artillery ammunition on this part of the front.

The "Elastic Defence."

London, Sept. 4.
There is still not the slightest sign of the expected German counter-stroke, which must soon be delivered if General Ludendorff wishes to save the situation. Prisoners speak of a great mysterious army headed by General Mackensen, which is ready to pounce on the Allies, but its whereabouts is unknown. The chief problem of the moment is where the enemy will turn. Experts expect he will attempt to stand on the Brebieres-Moeuvres line, but this will be most uncomfortable as it covers Cambrai and Douai by such a narrow margin that there is no elbowroom left for their defence. It appears that the Germans in their last attempt to save the situation packed 70,000 men on a front of 8,000 yards. The name of the Hindenburg Line has not yet appeared in the German communique, while it has been the chief feature for weeks past. So far there has been no indication of the feeling in Germany, where the Crown Prince's official writers are elaborately explaining the advantages of elastic defence, preparatory to breaking the news of the smash.

French Cross the Vesle.

London, Sept. 4.
A French communique says:—Last evening and during the night we continued to push the enemy east of the Canal du Nord and between the Ailette and the Aisne. We captured Bois-du-Chapitre, north-east of Chevilly, and Bussey, farther south. Our advanced elements, pursuing the enemy, are approaching Crielles. North of the Ailette we carried our lines to the western outskirts of Coucy-le-Chateau and Juvencourt. To the south we advanced east of Leville, reached the outskirts of Clamenny and Braye and penetrated Buby-le-Long. We prisoner over fifteen hundred in this region. On the Vesle front our elements crossed the river at several points.

Franco-American Operations.

London, Sept. 4.
Reuter's correspondent at American Headquarters writes:—The long and stubborn struggle of the past week on Soissonais Plateau has been crowned by a victory, wherein some of the best German Divisions were put out of action by the French and American troops. We are now in possession of the plateau. The enemy incurred the heaviest losses in his endeavour to check our progress, especially the Prussian Guards, whose dead were piled up in five futile counter-attacks. As a result of yesterday's fighting we greatly strengthened our position along the Ailette, and brought the line within a few miles of the line held before the last German advance over the Chemin-des-Dames. What the enemy considered his first line of defence in that region is now entirely in French hands.

(Continued on page 2)

COTTON SEED.

News Wanted in India.

A Government official in India has been asked to state whether it is possible to produce cotton seed in India. Some days ago, Reuter's telegram contained an extract from the journal Near East in which it was stated that two million tons of cotton seed were produced in India annually, of which two hundred thousand tons were used for planting and four hundred thousand tons were exported. It was added that doubtless a large proportion of the remainder was fed to cattle, which was an absurdly wasteful proceeding whilst a considerable residue must be absolutely wasted.

The journal regarded it as a standing reproach to commercial and industrial enterprises in India that a natural source of enormous wealth should be practically neglected. This extract is calculated to give a wrong impression of the real position in regard to cotton seed and contains numerous inaccuracies, which it is desirable to correct. The exact figures in regard to the production of cotton seed in India are not available but an examination of the figures of the output of cleaned cotton and of the percentage of waste to seed shows that there is reason to believe that an average annual production of 1,800,000 tons of seed is a liberal estimate.

The average exports of seed during the last five years have been 151,595 tons only, the highest figure being 284,327 tons in 1913-14. Cotton seed is regarded as a valuable feeding stuff in this country and the enquiries of the Cotton Committee have shown that the country is a net importer of seed, at least a price of at least Rs. 2 to Rs. 3 per maund for feeding purposes. The Punjab alone imports cotton seed to the value of nearly 50 lakhs per annum.

Whilst it is possibly correct to say that it is wasteful to feed seed direct to cattle instead of in the form of cake, experience has tended to prove that the establishment of a large cotton seed oil industry in this country would not benefit the Indian agriculturist, who could not afford to pay for hydraulic pressed feeding cake the price that can be obtained by exporting it. The result of the establishment of such an industry might then be that the oil would be sold in this country and the cake exported and that the agriculturist would be deprived of a valuable feeding stuff which over large tracts of country can be obtained cheaply from his own land or that of his neighbours.

Camera Film Shortage.

Amateur photographers are experiencing considerable difficulties in obtaining plates and films for their cameras. Dealers in London especially have been inundated with applications, which they have been unable to fulfil. The shortage is stated to be temporary. One photographic dealer said there has been an exceptional demand this year for films, and this, coupled with the fact that manufacturers were unable to obtain the metal for the cups to the "apocals" has caused the shortage. There are very large supplies of cameras of all kinds in stock, and there is no difficulty in supplying other photographic materials.

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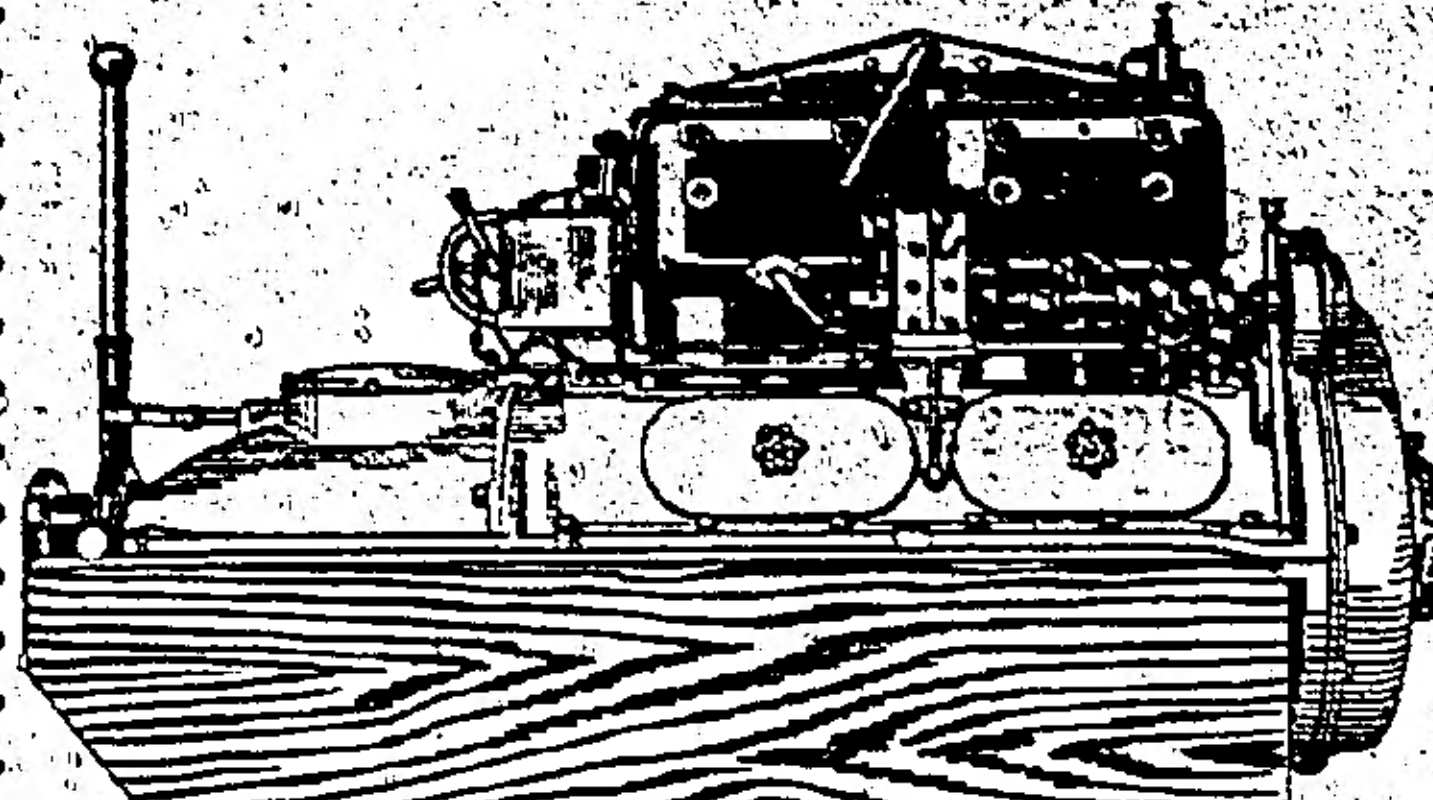
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GENERAL NEWS.

The Young Business Men.
Sir J. J. Thompson, President
of the Royal Society, presided at
a luncheon recently to inaugurate
the British Photographic Re-
search Association. He pointed
out that this was the first ex-
ample of an industry organizing
itself so as to make the applica-
tion of science to its own purpose
a fundamental part of its work.
While the older generation of
successful business men whom
he knew took pride in the good
work they had done for the
industry in which they were
engaged, the younger men seemed
to him to be less in earnest.
Their view apparently was,
"When you've made enough, get
out of it. Go into Parliament,
play golf, play the fool in any
way you like."

Klett Disaster.

A vivid description of the great
explosion at a munitions depot at
Svevinet, near Kiff, on June 6,
is given by a special corre-
spondent of the Berlin
Lokal Anzeiger. There were
some twelve big explosions
and innumerable smaller ones,
lasting from ten in the morning
till late in the afternoon. Shortly
before eleven occurred the biggest
explosion of all. People standing
on the ramparts of Petchersk
were hurled to the ground
by the pressure of air and
by the trembling of the
ground. Svevinet Cathedral
collapsed like a house of cards.
Houses were blown over or turned
upside down. Streets were turned
into an impassable, smouldering
mass of debris. The correspondent
alludes briefly to the rumour that
the explosion was due to Bolshevik
machinations against the German
General Skoropadecki.—Reuter.

Indian Man-Power.

With a view to contributing
strength to the Indian Army the
European and Anglo Indian
Recruitment Committee have just
issued a letter to all commercial
firms and trades in Bombay
asking them to contribute their
European employees of military
age for service as officers or
subordinates in either combat
or non-combatant branches. The
circular has the immediate
object of ascertaining the number
of Europeans over 18 and
under 41 years of age in civil
occupations and dividing them
roughly into four classes: (1) men
immediately available; (2) men
available but with considerable
inconvenience; (3) men available
in case of extreme urgency; and
(4) men not available. Em-
ployers are asked to assist
confidentially in the task
of registration and classification,
keeping in mind that in the pre-
sent crisis it is necessary to apply
a rather more stringent test than
has hitherto been applied regard-
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New Eyes for Old.

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ing sight temporarily lost have
been performed there. "Last
year fifteen men admitted as
practically blind recovered their
sight sufficiently to enable them
to work," said Dr. Arnold Lawson,
the Harley-street specialist,
who is also one of the
Hostel surgeons, recently "and
two of them left the Hostel
to continue their old
employment, having no further
need of our training. A remark-
able case quoted by Dr. Lawson
was that of a man who was blind
and almost stone deaf on ad-
mission. After an operation on
one eye, his hearing gradually
returned, and his sight was
sufficiently restored to enable him
to go about alone. He is still under
treatment at St. Dunstan's Dis-
pensary. "Ophthalmic surgery is
now so far advanced," said Dr.
Lawson, "that it is possible to
cut a new pupil for the eye if the
old one has been destroyed. That
particular operation has been
frequently performed on St.
Dunstan's patients. We never
regard a case as hopeless if there
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THE GERMAN WAR BILL.

While Germany at the moment has good cause for thinking only of the actual military operations, which are daily proving an increasingly bitter experience, the time will come when she will need to look a little closely into her finances. The daily expenditure of the Government and the deficits on the Budget, have during the last two years risen by geometrical progression. What the actual position is in this regard, we do not exactly know, but recently it was stated that the total credits voted were \$6,200,000,000, and the whole of this has certainly been added to the war debt. But the end of the war is not yet, and all these processes tend to accelerate. In the meantime, the Germans appear to have been calculating what they would have to pay if the war ended now, and they got no indemnities.

The calculation which seems to have found most acceptance is one made by Count Preysing in the Bavarian Upper House on February 9. He reckoned on a yearly increase in Imperial expenditure after the war of M.12 milliards (\$690,000,000) over peace time (M.2 milliards), making M.14 milliards (\$700,000,000) a year altogether. He took the Federal and Communal expenditure as doubled, M.56 milliards against M.28 milliards; thus making altogether M.10.6 milliards a year, or \$980,000,000. He said that to meet this, Germany would have to levy 50 per cent. to 60 per cent. of the national income, or four times the pre-war taxation. (It would obviously be vastly more than this; Customs cannot be quadrupled, so taxes must be more than quadrupled.) One word about Count Preysing's 169 milliards a year. This includes not only interest on securities of reconstruction, like debt, but certain unascertained liabilities of reconstruction. These are legion. Pensions; repayments due to the Communes; amortisation of debt; compensation for war damage to East Prussia and the whole mass of the middle classes; the shipbuilding subsidy; renewal of material for the Army and Navy; revision, badly needed, of the scale of official salaries; reconstruction of the railways; completion of the great schemes of trans-continental canals; the vitally urgent building programme and provision of dwellings for the poor—these are some of the items mentioned by various official speakers. Some are yearly charges; others will necessitate fresh loans, interest and amortisation on which will be yearly charges. How much of these Count Preysing included we do not know; but we do know that preliminary estimates of the money required for such things are almost invariably largely exceeded in practice.

Naturally the biggest item of all was not included in Count Preysing's estimate—the restoration of the countries Germany has ruined. We need not trouble much about the thirst for indemnities. It means that Germany would have to reduce these powers, Britain and America, to such a condition that they were willing to buy Germany out of North France and Belgium. But North France and Belgium are going to do so many things for Germany already. They are to be retained; to be exchanged for the German colonies; to be exchanged for an indemnity in raw materials; to be exchanged for an indemnity in money; to be used to buy off the economic war. The thing is hardly worth discussing. Talk about indemnities may serve to amuse the masses; but nobody in Germany really believes in them. Certainly the Government does not. For it is failure of the German Army. But there are greater disasters coming which no amount of indemnities will hide from the German people. A Bill for that purpose will be introduced in the Assembly.

The Murderers Revealed.

Though we can well understand that there are good reasons why partial silence should be preserved in regard to the destruction of German submarines, many Britishers have long since felt that the authorities at Home might from time to time give out certain information in regard to what has been accomplished in this direction, especially after a sufficient lapse of time making the information of no value to the enemy. Something of this character was done recently when the Prime Minister announced that at least 150 of these German pests had been accounted for. Of course, the statement was denied by the enemy Press, but now it is definitely vouched for by the publication by the Admiralty of the names of the commanders of the destroyed U-boats. Thus we are in one stroke vindicating our own claims and at the same time showing to the world what liars the Germans are. Everyone will be glad to see that the Admiralty carefully files the names of these Commanders who have been guilty of "particularly wanton and despicable outrages," and that special endeavours are made swiftly to terminate their active careers. What those measures are, we are not told, but if the average Britisher had his way these murderers—for that is precisely what they are—would terminate their careers on the end of a stout rope. Even that would be letting these inhuman curs off lightly, but it would certainly prove effective in preventing them from doing further mischief.

Our Merchant Seamen.

The news that His Majesty the King has approved of a special medal for war services rendered by the Mercantile Marine, and also a special uniform for seamen, will be received with great satisfaction by the gallant officers and men of this useful service. It has long been felt that, having in view the good work done by them, some sort of tangible recognition should be given them, but for some reason or other the granting of these two marks of appreciation has been held over. Apparently the powers that be have at last had the knowledge forced upon them what the Mercantile Marine merited. It is, however, surprising that something of the sort has not been done long ago, for the work which our merchant seamen have performed since the outbreak of war has been beyond all praise, and it is only right and proper that this work should be recognised in a fitting manner. Much of it has been done quietly, and many of the gallant deeds which have been performed will never be known, but others have been done which cannot escape the notice of a grateful public, and it is gratifying to know that they are to be given some tangible recognition testifying to the services which they have rendered.

The German Way.

German "explanations" of the continued retreat of the Kaiser's borders are too funny for words. A few days ago the German public was let into the secret of a certain valuable point had been lost by a statement to the effect that the place "is now in front of our battle-front," while one of the German communiques which came to hand yesterday told the story of the retreat in these words:—"Between the Scarpe and the Somme, movements which were commenced on the night of September 2 were completed in accordance with plans." That these movements were backward movements is, of course, not mentioned. Now the Crown Prince enters the list and, after referring to the German "elastic defence," he calmly says that "we do not want to annihilate our enemies, but only to hold our own." The idea of killing the enemy, which is, after all, the chief business of warfare, never occurs to the soft-hearted Crown Prince, of course. As for "holding our own," that is scarcely the moment, so on his own words there are greater disasters coming which no amount of indemnities will hide from the German people. A Bill for that purpose will be introduced in the Assembly.

DAY BY DAY.

IT IS MORE SECURE TO BE IN A STATE OF SUSPICION THAN IN AUTHORITY.—Thomas a Kempis.

To-morrow's Anniversary.
To-morrow is the fourth anniversary of the most southerly advance of the Germans towards Paris.

The Dollar.
The opening rate of the dollar on demand to-day was 3s. 6.15/10d.

Returned.
Among residents who returned to the Colony to-day are to Hon. Mr. Ma I. Messer, the Rev. and Mrs. W. T. Featherstone, Miss Hastings, Mr. A. Chapman and Mr. R. E. Bellis.

Motor Mishap.
A Chinese name Chung San-on, 18 years of age, has been sent to hospital suffering from injuries in the leg caused by being knocked down by motor-car No. 144 in Queen's Road Central, near the City Hall.

V. R. C. Meeting.
The annual meeting of the Victoria Recreation Club was held last night, being presided over by the Hon. Mr. Claud Severn, C.M.G. For the first time, we believe, in the history of the Club, the meeting was a private one, the Press not being admitted. We understand, however, that some interesting matters were discussed.

Alleged Misappropriation.
At the Police Court to-day a charge of misappropriation was preferred against a Chinese clerk employed in Messrs. Jardine Matheson and Co. The defendant, it is alleged, was given \$3,101.08 to convey to the Hongkong Bank, together with the paying-in-book, but instead of proceeding to the bank he went back to his country. Later the accused sent the paying-in-book through the parcel post to the firm and the suspicions of the police were aroused, and the defendant arrested. The case was remanded till next week.

An Assault Case.
A Chinese was charged on remand at the Police Court this morning with assaulting another Chinese at the Yumati Theatre. Sgt. Murphy prosecuted. Complainant, in giving evidence, said that he went to the theatre on August 28. He was a Scot. The defendant had a game with him in which the complainant lost seven cents. When the defendant was going away he asked him for the money. He told the defendant to go and have his show first and when he came back, witness would pay him. The defendant did not agree to this, so witness told the defendant to wait till his coat was dry so that he might bring it to the pawnshop, and pawn it, so that he could pay him. He did not agree to this and alleged that the complainant had assaulted him. His Worship fined the defendant \$10, or 14 days' hard labour.

CANTON NEWS.

Our Canton correspondent writes as follows:—

A Protest.
The M. P.'s who are natives of Chekiang have jointly despatched a telegram to the President and others strongly protesting to the Government for having agreed to export from Chekiang one million piculs of rice to Japan, and thus rendering the price of rice extraordinarily high, causing the poor classes to suffer terribly.

Lung Chai-kwong.
A rumour prevails here that Lung Chai-kwong has arrived at Amoy.

The Flood Victims.
Reports from various flooded districts show that although the water has subsided rapidly, homeless and hungry sufferers are scattered in groups along the river banks, hoping to be fed by benevolent societies, many of which have already started to distribute cakes and rice to them.

Street Improvement.
The inhabitants of the north part of the city (nearly all Manchurians) have agreed to the scheme of enlarging the streets by pulling down part of the houses.

LETTERS FROM ROBBIE.

To His Nephew in France.

Hongkong, Sept. 5, 1918.

Dear Allick,
..... and Janet says I've to thank you very much for the field cap you sent. Man, she likes the two wee buttons on the front. No wonder the Germans are getting fair tired o' the war if they're compelled to wear things like that. It's only a woman that can wear a thing that's no comfortable and pretend they like it, and goodness only knows no man, let alone a German, could look his beat in a thing that looks like a cloth collar-box. But mind ye, as a scowling it's in a class o' its own—that is if it could be framed.....

Aye, nearly half o' the Hongkong Force sailed last week and by this time will be nearer France than they've been for many a long day. But it was a poor turn-out to play them off. Aye, it's an awful thing, war. Of course the weather was bad and besides it couldn't be expected that folks with so much work o' Imperial interest on their hands could get off even for an hour. Aye, as I said before, war's an awful business. Man, I've seen some men whose hardest work here was raking in the cornhaws, getting a better send-off from the Chinese themselves.....

Ye will mind fine, no doubt, the Special Constables that was gotten up here when war broke out. Well, just after you went away they made a neat job o' the business and got up a proper Police Reserve. No' speaking o' the rank and file, they've now got guns and revolvers and maxims and officers with silver swords to brighten things up. After that it was only a short step till a brassband and a mounted section was thrown in as a make-weight so to speak for ye two mascots, though we used to call them mascots in my young days. A fine body o' men mind ye, and they've been the life o' the place ever since they've been formed. For numbers they knock the old Volunteers into a cocked hat—six hundred strong, 'I'm told, and they've been nearly seventy o' the Regular Police away to the front. That's something in itself. I forgot to mention that they've got their own club where they're got to pay for everything as soon as they drink it. Of course, the Regular Police was a bit sore at first but they soon got over that and they're all as thick as thieves now if the attendance at the Club is to be reckoned on. Well, as I was saying, the other night they gave young Wilks that was a Sergeant o' theirs, and a smart one at that I'm told, a grand set-off to the front with some specilifying and a fat cheque thrown in.

You'll no mind o' Jenkins. Well he's their No. 1 man now, a sharp featured chap and a bariester before he got this job. Well onway he got up and after telling Wilks what a fine chap he was—and rightly too—doesn't he wander from his text and start to rattle the sword a bit and speak about some o' the Portuguese and Defence Corps alsekers no doing their bit for their country and Wanchai, so to speak. I didna see much wrong with the newspaper report myself except that one paper spoke about some policemen gracing the proceedings with their presence which I thought was a bit far-fetched. But man there's been the devil and all to pay with the Portuguese this week, for before you could say knife didn't they start writing to the papers and the office typewriters and office stationery in the Colony is being sadly depleted as a consequence. Man, this war's an awful business indeed.

But give Jenkins his due, he's a fine fine chap and well liked by the community excepting maybe the motor car drivers. But maybe he'll withdraw what other folks think he meant when he said what he said. Some folks here think he's after the job o' Superintendent o' Police but in my mind

CORRESPONDENCE.

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PORTUGUESE AND THE POLICE RESERVE.

(To the Editor of the "Hongkong Telegraph.")

Sir,—In your issue of yesterday, your correspondent "Britisher" invites me "to point out any existing large British Sub-Colony." It was not my intention to pursue this correspondence any further. When I first sought the hospitality of the columns of the Press, my purpose was to endeavour to correct any false impression Mr. Jenkin might have created by his original statement. Beyond that I did not seek to create any estrangement between the communities living in harmonious relations together in this Colony. But with a view to furnishing the information desired by "Britisher" I just wish to be allowed to convey to him the fact that there is a very large British "Sub-Colony" in Portuguese East Africa, and in Lourenco Marques, the Capital, there are more than 1,500 Britishers.

Yours etc.

Hongkong, Sept. 6, 1918.

Sir,—With reference to the general subject of the remarks made by Mr. Jenkin at the presentation to Mr. Wilks, it is regrettable that "Britisher's" correspondence in your issue of last evening only serves to add fuel to the fire.

It cannot be denied that Mr. Jenkin has erred, and he would be wise to acknowledge it and thus end the controversy rather than allow "Anti German" and "Britisher" to provoke further disagreeable correspondence.

I cannot refrain from saying that it is most unbecoming of "Britisher" to ridicule my compatriots who have joined in the Great Struggle, a ridicule which calls for a reply that is as disagreeable to receive as it is repugnant to make, that though they are so few as can be counted on finger-tips of one hand, all honour is due to them, for they are all without exception only loyal and valiant volunteers.

We, Portuguese, are all peace-lovers and hard workers and we are very sensitive, indeed, of the slightest act of kindness shown to us, but we will never beat our brow when abused.

Yours etc.

J. M. G.

[This correspondence is now closed.—Ed. H.K.T.]

Successful Chinese Student.

Kang Wang, the first Chinese at West Point since the graduation of two of his countrymen many years ago, was graduated twelfth highest in the 1919 class of 137 members whose commencement has recently been held a year ahead of time. Mr. Wang is a Princeton graduate of the class of 1915, and has made a record in both Princeton and West Point as a good student and a popular one. His appointment to West Point was made possible by special Act of Congress in 1913, which provided for the entrance of two Chinese. Mr. L. S. Dzu was chosen last year for the other appointment. This is the second time that Congress has extended the courtesy of West Point appointments to Chinese.

think the other's too strong a mathematician for him..... The St. Andrew's Society here have started a War Bond Drive for two lots o' dollars, half o' it for war charities. The place is fair plastered with bills about it, showing a old Highlander putting a Hun dog out o' misery. It's a fine bill, but man, every time I see you pair old now, blessing away all by himself among the hills I'm right glad I'm no' back in Scotland. If they'd even put a black bottle at his side it wouldn't have looked so lonely like.

TO-DAY'S MISCELLANY.

He was on munitions and his weak's worse, a few pounds were in his pocket. Finding a stranger, he saw some "b-b's"—as he described them—having asparagus. Well, if they could buy it, he could too! And so Thomas took some home (it was late when he got there), and putting the parcel on the slopstone went to bed. Now it was his wife's custom to take him a cup of tea up on Sunday morning. But this time she was a bit late, and he, rather drier than usual, called out, "Mary, art's bringing me any tea (this mornin')?" "All right I'll bring it directly," came the reply. But time went on and no tea. So Thomas called out again. After a strained ten minutes a distressed female, perspiring freely from every visible pore, with face hands, and arms as black as a tinker, bounced the "cup o' tea" on to the chair beside the bed, with "There's th' tea, and if th' brings whoam any more of you chips ther'l have to get up and make th' fire therself!" So much for his asparagus.

The dramatic Canadian Order in Council by which all physically fit unmarried men of a certain age were taken for the army, no matter what their claims to exemption, has been upheld by the Supreme Court, says the New York Evening Post. Had the decision been against the constitutionality of an amendment of the draft act by Order in Council, a parliamentary session would hardly have been avoidable. The judgment shows how much flexibility the Canadian Constitution derives from the British, to which by the North American Act it must always be "similar in principle." Of special interest are the arguments by which the Government repudiated its defence of the expediency of the order. Some 40,000 men, in camp of some overseas, would have been affected by an adverse decision; and there was published a cable from the Canadian authorities in England declaring it is "most essential reinforcements should reach England at earliest possible moment." Up to July 1 more than 32,500 men had been enrolled under the draft act, and it is hoped to reach the limit of 100,000 soon. The Alberta Court had decided against the power of the Council to amend the act, and two Dominion judges dissented from the majority opinion.

The Kinema is easily first in favour with the American soldiers amongst the many forms of camp amusement. The authorities recognise this generously enough, and the "recreation boards" have appointed a staff of well-known kinema producers to visit France with the object of directing a kinematograph service which will conform to the requirements of the men. Artists and dramatic critics have also been enlisted in this movement—so seriously is it taken. In the training camps of America some eight million feet of kinema films are exhibited every week. The work has only just been introduced into France, but already 1,500,000 feet of films have been on view in the various Y.M.C.A. huts, and between 75,000 and 100,000 feet of new pictures are crossing the waters every week. The censor of the service is a woman—Mrs. Edith Dunham Foster, editor of one of the big kinema companies. She passes judgment upon all the myriads of feet of films, and she has just told a press representative that she hardly expects to sleep or to eat with any thoroughness till the war is over. We can well believe it.

With the present necessity for saving coal and gas some attention might be given to the theory put forward some twenty years ago by Dr. Bawickovsky for cooking meat—by cold! Precisely the same chemical and physical changes can be accomplished as takes place in cooking, he maintained, by exposing animal flesh to extreme cold. He applied his method to the preservation of meat, first by freezing them to a temperature of 25 degrees below zero and then making them thermodynamically "hot" again. When opened, after a number of hours, the meat moved vigorously and was found to be as good as fresh.

TROUBLESOME CHAIR COOLIES.

A Batch of Police Prosecutions.

The bearers of three chairs were summoned at the Police Court this morning, before Mr. J. E. Wood, with refusing to accept Staff Inspector McEwen, H.K.P. (B.) as a fare. Inspector Garrod prosecuted.

Staff Inspector McEwen said that on the day in question he was in the Ice Co.'s premises and as he wished to go to the Bacteriological Institute in a chair, as it was raining heavily, he told his interpreter to go out and fetch a chair. The interpreter came back and said that although there were five chairs, none of them answered him. The Inspector then went out, and as they saw him they ran away. He took down the numbers and had them summoned.

His Worship fined each bearer \$5 in two of the cases, but that of chair No. 628 was remanded till next Friday, so as to enable Inspector Garrod to make investigations.

Two chair coolies were summoned for rushing at passengers at the foot of Wyndham Street. Inspector Garrod prosecuted.

Major W. P. Hammond, in giving evidence, said that he was in Wyndham Street on the date in question, together with his wife. He had engaged two chairs. His wife had gone into the first chair, and he was just going to get into the second chair, when someone behind him called out for a chair. The coolies picked up the chair, ran past him and nearly sent his chair "flying." He called out to an Indian constable and asked him to report the matter. Another chair came up and took witness, as they seemed anxious to take him as a fare.

His Worship fined each coolie \$3.

The drivers and bearers of twenty-seven other vehicles were fined various sums ranging between \$3 and \$6 for rushing at passengers soliciting fares and being improperly dressed whilst playing for hire.

Inspector Garrod prosecuted in all of the above cases.

THE COTTON REEL CASES.

Defendants Held to Have Acted Innocently.

At the Magistracy yesterday, the cases against three Chinese firms of false trade descriptions in regard to cotton reels were disposed of. The defendants were Ko Sam Ming, 182, Queen's Road Central, represented by Mr. M. K. Lo; Kwong Hang Yick, 338, Queen's Road Central, represented by Mr. F. X. d'Almeida; and Messrs. The Sun Co., represented by Mr. Davidson. For the prosecution Mr. G. H. Wakeman, Crown Solicitor, was also present.

Mr. Wolfe, in giving his decision, said he was satisfied that a false trade description had been applied in all cases, and having gone fully into the cases quoted by the Crown Solicitor he had come to the definite conclusion that he should discharge the defendants. He was satisfied that the defendants may not have complied with section A of sub section 2, yet he had no doubt they had acted innocently. In the cases quoted by the Crown Solicitor, except in one, the defendants had themselves done something to the goods, therefore committing an offence, but this was not so in these, where the defendants were only dealers. He (the Magistrate) made it clear that the defendants would not in future sell cotton reels under the same conditions. In future no other persons could bring forward the plea that they had acted innocently, as the present cases had been widely reported. Mr. Wolfe further told the solicitors for the defence that the cotton reels would be returned to them and he asked them to warn their clients not to do the same thing in future.

Contractor Fined. A contractor was fined \$25 for renovating a house on Yuen Yuen Lane without the permission of the Building Authority. Mr. O. S. R. prosecuted on behalf of the P.W.D. The same contractor was fined a week ago.

HONGKONG DEFENCE CORPS.

Administrative Orders by Major H. A. Morgan, Administrative Commandant, state:—

Strength. No. 348 Sapper M. Walters, Engineer Company, is permitted to resign, on leaving the Colony, to date from day of departure.

Transfer. No. 935 Gunner W. A. Webb is transferred to "D" Company, dated 3.9.18.

Leave. Corpl. T. Neave, "D" Coy., is granted 6 weeks' leave, on Medical Certificate, from 8th September, 1918. Spr. E. A. Besumont, Engineer Company, is granted 8 weeks' leave, from 11.9.18.

Ammunition. Ammunition on payment will be issued in charges. Both charges and empty cases must be returned to the Quartermaster when the ammunition is expended.

Annual Musketry Course. N.C.O.s and men over 50 years of age who elect to fire one special course for men over 50 will not fire with the remainder of their units. Special days will be allotted to them.

Artillery orders. Order for Artillery Company by Captain J. H. W. Armstrong, V.D., state:—

Parades at Belchers Battery:— Tuesday, 10th Sept.—7.30 a.m. Right Half Coy., New Layers' Class only. 5.30 p.m. Left Half Coy., Fall drill.

Thursday, 12th Sept.—5.30 p.m. Left Half Coy., New D.R.F. Class only.

Friday, 13th Sept.—7.30 a.m. Right Half Coy., Fall drill. 5.30 p.m. Left Half Coy., New Layers' Class only.

Engineer Orders. Orders for Engineer Company by Captain W. Russell state:—

6th to 15th Sept.— E. L. Manning Nightly—Parades as per rosters posted at Headquarters. Engine Drivers at 6.15 p.m. Electricians at 8.30 p.m.

Officers next for duty:— Belchers, Lieut. Hall, Lyceum, 2nd Lieut. Timplington, Stonecutters, Lieut. Stevenson.

Instructions for higher ratings and N.C.O.s and men of the Infantry Battalion attached for duty:—Class 1, at Belchers at 6.30 p.m. on Mondays and Thursdays, for all who have not passed the "Proficient" rate (II) examination. Class 2, at Belchers at 6.30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Fridays for all N.C.O.s and men of higher ratings, under Staff Sergeants, Overdone and Parsons, R. E. and Sergt. Day, H.K.D.C. Class 3, at Lyceum at 6.30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Fridays, under Staff Sergeants, Barclay and White, R. E. and Sergt. Williams, H.K.D.C.

Infantry Orders. Orders for Infantry Battalion by Major H. A. Morgan, state:—

Saturday, 7th September.—Judging Distance. Platoons will parade as follows:—Fall in, ready to march off, at 200 yards Firing Point, King's Park Range. 2.30 p.m. No. 2 Platoon. 3.15 p.m. No. 3 Platoon, half M. Gun Coy., Half Signalling Section, Half Mounted Section. 4.00 p.m. No. 1 Platoon. 4.45 p.m. No. 4 Platoon. Dress, Drill order. Casanale, i.e. men who have to attend this parade as well as that on 14th September owing to their absence from the Judging Distance Parade; may parade with the Platoon most convenient for them.

"A" COMPANY. Monday, 9th Sept.—5.15 p.m. No. 4 Platoon at King's Park Range. Annual Musketry Course, Part 1, Practices 3 and 4. Dress, Drill order with pouches.

Wednesday, 11th Sept.—5.15 p.m. No. 1 Platoon at King's Park Range. Annual Musketry Course, Part 3, Practices 13, 14 and 18. Dress, Drill order with pouches.

Thursday, 12th Sept.—5.15 p.m. No. 2 Platoon at King's Park Range. Annual Musketry Course, Part 3, Practices 17 and 18. Dress, Drill order with pouches.

Friday, 13th September.—5.15 p.m. No. 1 Platoon at King's Park Range. Annual Musketry Course, Part 3, Practices 15 and 16. Dress, Drill order with pouches.

Parades.—Wednesday, 11th Sept. 5 p.m. Swimming. Fall in at Blakes Pier.

Saturday, 14th Sept.—1.30 p.m. No. 1 and 2 Sections fall in at Headquarters to proceed to Blakes Pier.

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ROYAL SILVER WEDDING.

Queen Mary's Thanks to Hongkong.

The following letter has been received by Lady May:— Buckingham Palace, 17th July, 1918.

Dear Lady May, With reference to your telegram of the 25th June, the Queen desires me to-day that she has received from the manager of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation a Cheque for \$1,025, being the gift of three hundred and fifty-one women of Hongkong to Her Majesty on the occasion of their Majesties' Silver Wedding.

The Queen is deeply touched by the kind thought which has prompted this present, and Her Majesty will be glad if, in conveying to the donors her warm thanks for their generosity, you will assure them how highly she appreciates this token of their loyalty and devotion.

The Queen will be pleased to appropriate this money to some deserving Charities in which she takes a special interest.

I am, Yours Sincerely, EDWARD WALLINGTON.

"B" COMPANY. Saturday, 14th September.—Judging Distance.—Parade at the Blind Home for Girls on the Kowloon City Road, ready to march off, at the following times:—2.45 p.m. No. 5 Platoon. 3.30 p.m. Hall M. Gun Coy., Half Signalling Section, Half Mounted Section. 4.15 p.m. No. 8 Platoon. 5.00 p.m. No. 6 Platoon. 5.45 p.m. No. 7 Platoon.

After the parade men will be dismissed in the vicinity of the Steam Laundry.

Tuesday, 10th Sept.—5.15 p.m. No. 5 Platoon at Cricket Club. T.E.T. Dress, Drill order with pouches. All exempted men are to attend this parade (unless Tests have been completed). 5.30 p.m. No. 6 Platoon on Polo Ground. Fall in at Cricket Club at 5.10 p.m. and proceed by Tram to Causeway Bay. T.E.T. Dress, Drill order with pouches. All exempted men are to attend this parade.

Wednesday, 11th Sept.—6.30 p.m. No. 7 Platoon at Headquarters. T.E.T. Dress, Drill order with pouches. All exempted men are to attend this parade.

Thursday, 12th Sept.—5.30 p.m. No. 8 Platoon at Kowloon Docks. T.E.T. Dress, Drill order with pouches.

MACHINE GUN COMPANY. Tuesday, 10th Sept.—5.15 p.m. Nos. 2, 3, 4 and 5 Guns at King's Park Range. Annual Musketry Course, Part 1, Practices 3 and 4. Dress, Drill order with pouches.

MOUNTED SECTION. Monday, 9th Sept.—5.30 p.m. At Headquarters. T. E. T. Dress, Drill order.

Thursday, 12th Sept.—5.30 p.m. At Jockey Club Stables. Dress, Drill order without rifles.

SIGNALLING SECTION. Tuesday, 9th Sept.—5.15 p.m. Parade at Headquarters. T. E. T. Dress, Drill order (Rifles, belt, side-arms and pouches).

RECRUITS. Monday, 9th and Friday, 13th Sept.—5.30 p.m. Recruits of all units, except "D" Company, on Murray Parade Ground, under Sergeants, Orberry (Monday) and Edmunds (Friday). Dress, Drill order.

DETAIL. On duty 10th September, No. 2 Platoon; 14th September, No. 3 Platoon, Mounted Sec., and Sig. Sec.; 18th September, No. 4 Platoon; 22nd September, No. 5 Platoon; Orderly Officer for week ending 8th Sept., Lieut. Kennett; for week ending 15th Sept., Lieut. Bess.

Next for duty, Lieut. Branch.

Cadet Orders. Orders for Cadet Company by 3rd Lieut. J. E. W. Beard state:—

Leave.—Cadet S. Treman is granted leave from 11.9.18. until the 31st October.

Strength.—Joined Cadet O.M. Cropley and posted to No. 3 Section.

Parades.—Wednesday, 11th Sept. 5 p.m. Swimming. Fall in at Blakes Pier.

Saturday, 14th Sept.—1.30 p.m. No. 1 and 2 Sections fall in at Headquarters to proceed to Blakes Pier.

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Customs Men and Firearms Plot.

The Manila Daily Bulletin of August 21, states:—

Another search, the second made by customs secret service men aboard the Spanish steamer Armas, lying in Manila Bay, was the only known development yesterday in the plot to smuggle firearms into the city which was

nipped in the bud on Tuesday, when detectives Watson and Sullivan of the city secret service, arrested Joaquin Bazo, the alleged ringleader of the smuggling gang.

The first search of the Armas was instituted, on August 9th, when customs men confiscated several hundred pesos worth of goods which were not included in the steamer's store list. These goods are now being held at the customs house pending an investigation by the secretary of protests and appeals of the bureau of customs.

At that time the customs men searched with great care for a large number of unlicensed revolvers which, according to information they had previously received, members of the crew had purchased in Barcelona.

It was also learned from customs secret service officials yesterday that at the time of the first ransacking of the steamer, the men threw overboard many of the weapons in their possession.

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Harvest for Underwriters.
A London correspondent says underwriters are reaping a golden harvest, but how long some of the younger concerns will last is a question which is exercising the minds of the older professionals. I hear of the success attending the up-to-date methods of a prominent marine insurance manager, whose ideas do not altogether bow to convention and etiquette, but nevertheless bring to his shareholders "fat dividends." So busy has the underwriting room been kept that recently the directors vacated the board room, which was converted into a sort of ante-room for the waiting brokers. The chairs were requisitioned for the other officers, and the directors continued the board meeting all seated on the tables and desks, the chairman conducting the proceedings from the dignified seat he found on the "club fender."

Looking Ahead.
Bearing upon indications which have been given from time to time, of the intention of British shipowning lines to prepare for eventualities in competition after the war, the London correspondent of a contemporary cites the Cunard Line. He says that apart from the huge building, which is to be erected for the company at New York, plans are fructifying for similar large offices at San Francisco and Vancouver to deal with Pacific services. Furthermore, he avers that other enterprises are contemplated in Wellington (New Zealand) and in Australia. From which facts he forms the opinion that the energetic and far-seeing directors and managers of the Cunard Steamship Company contemplate vast expansions of their services. In this connection it is of interest to recall the fact that Messrs. Furness, Withy, and Co., Ltd. have also put up a palatial series of offices in New York, known as "Furness House."

Norway Getting Ready.
Norway, which has been very badly hit by the war in the matter of her Mercantile Marine, is obviously not going to stand still, and some very interesting reports are current in shipping circles as to the operations of Norwegian interests in the United States. Negotiations have been in progress for some time past for the acquisition of a large tract of land in New Jersey, where it is proposed to lay out one of the largest shipyards in the world for the purpose of building merchant tonnage for Norway. As the demands on the steel supplies of America at the present time are very heavy, it is doubtful whether any progress can be made while the war lasts, but the new departure, in view of the offering for sale of some of the Norwegian contracts placed with British yards, is very interesting and points to the United States becoming a very large shipbuilding nation in the future. The scheme, as it is, however, is not a novel one, but a very old one.

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BY DESPATCH.

POST OFFICE.

The parcel post service to Cuba is
suspended.On and after May 1st 1918, Imperial
Postal Orders will be cashed in India at
the rate of 1/6 to the rupee.The Service to Germany, Austria, Bul-
garia and the Ottoman Empire are
suspended.No official letter addressed to
Abadan, Ahwaz or Mohammara in the
Persian Gulf may exceed eight ounces in
weight.The Parcel Post Service to the Portu-
guese Colonies in West Africa and to
Spanish Offices in Morocco (except for
Prisoners-of-War) is suspended.Correspondence addressed to enemy
subjects in China, Siam, Siberia and
Portuguese East Africa, Persia and Mor-
occo cannot be transmitted.Parcels for Greece cannot be accepted
for transmission unless accompanied by
a special permit issued by the British
Minister at Athens.Until further notice parcels for civil
addresses in the provinces of Udine,
Vicenza, Treviso, Padua, Venice and
Belluno in Italy will not be accepted for
transmission unless posted under the
British War Office Permit.The Parcel Post Service to British East
Africa and Egypt (except for members
of the Expeditionary Forces), and to
Abyssinia, Bagdad, British, French
Somali Coast, Italian Somaliland, Portu-
guese East Africa, Zanzibar and Russia
have been suspended.The charge for customs duty on type
samples of manufactured goods not
exceeding 6 oz. in gross weight, and on
samples of spirits (except perfumed
spirits) not exceeding 12 oz. in gross
weight imported into the United King-
dom by post has now been increased to
15/6d and 15/4d respectively.The importation by post into Japan of
foreign rice, except such as may be
imported by the Minister of Agriculture
and Commerce and the persons designated
by him, is prohibited.This prohibition is not applicable to
rice imported into Taiwan (Formosa) and
Karabuto (Japanese Saghalien).From the 1st May 1918 there will be
three General deliveries daily from the
District Post Offices except on Sunday
and Holidays when there will be one
delivery only.The hours of delivery will be as
follows:—Week days 9 a.m. 1 p.m. and
5 p.m.
Sundays and Holidays noon.The importation into the Common-
wealth of Australia of tobacco other than
that grown or produced in British Posses-
sions is prohibited, unless the consent in
writing of the Commonwealth Minister
for Trade and Customs has been first
obtained.Information has been received from
the Director General of Posts and
Telegraphs Tokyo that on and after 1st
April 1918 the Post Office of Japan will
collect a demurrage charge from the
addresses of parcels on which Customs
duties or inland taxes are imposed in
Japan, not withdrawn from the Post
Office within 20 days from the date of
the notice of their arrival to be sent to
the addressee.The Director General of Posts and
Telegraphs, India, advises that: "The
Parcel Post Service to the Indian Civil
Postal Agencies at Abul Khasib, Amara,
Basel, Buzak, Calcutta, Cawnpore, Coim-
batore, Dacca, Dibrugarh, Ferozpur,
Gwalior, Hoshiarpur, Jubbulpore, Kan-
pur, Lucknow, Meerut, Patna, Raipur,
Rangoon, Secunderabad, Shimla, Srinagar,
Tadpatnar, Tinsukia, Unao, and Zohair
in Mesopotamia is suspended
and that piece-goods, haberdashery and
similar articles, except those intended
for the personal use of the addressee and
not for sale, cannot be sent to those
offices or to Abadan, Ahwaz or Moham-
mehra by the letter post, and that such
articles if received will not be delivered
and will be liable to confiscation."Registered and Parcel Mail charges 15
minutes earlier than the time given below
unless otherwise stated.

OUTWARD MAILS.

TO-MORROW.

Saigon—7th Sept., 11 a.m.
Shanghai and North China, Japan via
Nagasaki & Honolulu—7th
Sept., Registration 10.45 a.m.
1.15 p.m.Shanghai and North China—7th Sept.,
9 p.m.

SUNDAY, 8th September.

Swatow, Amoy and Formosa via Keelung
—8th Sept., 9 a.m.

TUESDAY, 10th September.

Straits, Bagdad, and India via Calcutta
—10th Sept., 10 a.m.Shanghai, N. China, Japan via Nagasaki
& Honolulu—10th Sept., Regis-
tration 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30
a.m.

Formosa via Keelung—10th Sept., 5 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, 11th September.

Shanghai, N. China, Japan via Nagasaki,
Canada, United States, Cen-
tral & S. America & Europe
via Vancouver—11th Sept.,
Registration 9.45 a.m. Letters
10.30 a.m.

THURSDAY, 12th September.

Swatow, Amoy, Formosa via Takao—12th
Sept., 8 a.m.

FRIDAY, 13th September.

Philippine Islands—13th Sept., 2 p.m.

SATURDAY, 14th September.

Tientsin—14th Sept., 11 a.m.

Sundakan, Australia, New Zealand via
Port Darwin & New Guinea
via Townsville—14th Sept.,
Registration 11.45 p.m. Letters
1.30 p.m.

SUNDAY, 15th September.

Swatow, Amoy and Keelung—15th Sept.,
9 a.m.

MONDAY, 16th September.

Straits, Bagdad, Ceylon, Bombay, Aden,
Egypt & Europe via Suez—
16th Sept., Registration 9.45
a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.The Parcel Mail will be closed on
Saturday 14th Sept. at 5 p.m.

WEATHER REPORT.

September 5d. 11h. 44m.—No returns
from Japan, Vladivostok and Wahaishi.
Pressure has decreased over the south
coast of China, and increased slightly
elsewhere. The typhoon appears to be
stationary 250 miles to the east of Japan.Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours
ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inches
Total since January 1st 1918 12.51 inches
against an average of 67.55 inches.FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS
ENDING AT NOON TO-MORROW.

| Direction | Forecast |
|---|--|
| Hongkong to Gap Road | Westerly or variable winds, light to moderate; fine. |
| Formosa Channel | North winds, fresh. |
| South coast of China be- tween H.K. and Lamook | The same as No. 1. |
| South coast of China be- tween H.K. and Hainan | The same as No. 1. |

China Coast Meteorological Register.
Sept. 5 a.m.

| Station | Hour | Barometer. | Temperature. | Humidity. | Wind. Dir., Force. | Weather. |
|----------|------|------------|--------------|-----------|-----------------------|----------|
| Vostok | 5a | | | | | |
| Nemuro | 5a | | | | | |
| Hakodate | | | | | | |
| Kobe | | | | | | |
| Kochi | | | | | | |
| Nagasaki | | | | | | |
| Kyushu | | | | | | |
| Yokohama | | | | | | |
| Yokohama | | | | | | |
| Manila | | | | | | |
| Shanghai | | | | | | |
| Swatow | | | | | | |
| Amoy | 6a | | | | | |
| Keelung | | | | | | |
| Formosa | | | | | | |
| Swatow | | 29.77 | 77 | 100 | e | 1bf |
| Amoy | | 29.76 | 78 | 100 | e | 2b |
| Keelung | | 29.68 | 84 | 83 | w | 1b |
| Formosa | | 29.65 | 81 | 87 | nw | 2b |
| Swatow | 5a | 29.66 | 77 | 92 | e | 2b |
| Amoy | | 29.63 | 77 | | | 0b |
| Keelung | | 29.63 | 73 | w | | 2b |
| Formosa | | 29.62 | 77 | n | n | 2b |
| Swatow | | 29.63 | | | | 5b |
| Amoy | 6a | 29.69 | 81 | 87 | | 0b |
| Keelung | | 29.69 | 79 | 89 | | 0b |
| Formosa | | 29.69 | 79 | 89 | sw | 3b |
| Swatow | | 29.69 | 79 | 89 | sw | 5b |
| Amoy | 9a | | | | | |
| Keelung | | | | | | |
| Formosa | | | | | | |
| Swatow | 7a | 29.67 | 79 | 95 | se | 2b |
| Amoy | | 29.71 | 77 | | n | 2o |
| Keelung | | 29.74 | 75 | | wn | 4o |
| Formosa | 6 | | | | | |
| Swatow | | | | | | |
| Amoy | | 29.63 | 75 | 98 | | 0o |
| Keelung | | 29.61 | 75 | 94 | sw | 4o |
| Formosa | | | | | | |
| Swatow | | 29.69 | 81 | 84 | sw | 4o |
| Amoy | | | | | | |
| Keelung | 4.30 | | | | | |
| Formosa | 6 | 29.76 | 81 | 96 | sw | 4o |